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## President Addresses Community Questions



In a follow-up to his State of the College Address, President James Donahue addressed topics from shared governance to deferred maintenance at a Nov. 8 Q&A moderated by Professor Zach Flanagan, chair of the Academic Senate. Check out the [full recap of Wednesday's discussion](#).

### Across the Aisle



Tired of political polarization? Join the SMC Republicans and Young Democrats at a [bipartisan panel discussion](#) with local state legislators Assemblymember Catharine Baker (R-Dublin) and Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) on Wednesday, 5-6:30 p.m. in the Moraga Room. The event is free and open to the public.

## Student Athlete Performance Center Update

During its October meeting, Saint Mary's Board of Trustees challenged the College's leadership to reimagine the planning for the Student Athlete Performance Center. [Read the latest about the SAPC.](#)

## School of Science on Track for \$1.1 Million for Equipment



The College has already made great strides towards realizing the goals laid out in the five-year strategic plan, which specifies initiatives, outcomes, and resources. In 2016-17, the School of Science Advisory Board launched a

fundraising goal of \$1.1 million for equipment. As of September, 80 percent (or \$870,000) of the goal had been met, and has helped buy a flow cytometer, a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, and established a scholarship for women in STEM fields. This moves the College closer to realizing the strategic plan's [Ensure Saint Mary's Financial Stability](#) goal.

## Coach Bennett Contract Renewed

Coming off one of the most successful seasons in program history, [men's basketball head coach Randy Bennett](#) has been rewarded with a new 10-year contract. Entering his 17th season, he is the school's all-time leader in wins, and ranks second in all-time wins for any coach in the West Coast Conference. "I'm appreciative and thankful to President Donahue, Mike Matoso, and the Saint Mary's administration for their support," he said. "It's an honor to have this opportunity to work at such a great institution."



## Saint Mary's ACES Students Sweep Cisco Awards

Three Saint Mary's students—Robert Gonzales '19 (right), Claire Rogers '19, and Eli Sylvia-Lourde '20—dominated the [Cisco Intern Showcase Awards](#) last summer, beating out more than 50 other students from across the country and the world. The trio all participate in the Accelerated Career Entry Students (ACES) program with Cisco Systems, an internship program to prepare students from diverse backgrounds for careers right after graduation.



## Pathway to Nonprofit Careers Panel

Four nonprofit professionals shared their experiences last month in "[Making a Difference, a Living, and a Life: Pathways to Meaningful Careers in the Nonprofit World](#)," the second panel for liberal arts students exploring careers post-graduation. The speakers included Mykah Montgomery MBA '11 (far right), founder





of Leaders Are Readers, and Doug Biggs, executive director of Alameda Point Collaborative. The panels are a joint effort of the School of Liberal Arts and Career and Professional Development Services.

## View



The Saint Mary's signature spirit (Fear the Force!) was in fine form this weekend for the #22 ranked men's basketball team's season opener against Saint Francis on Saturday (SMC won 85-68). The Tip-Off Tailgate began at 2:30 p.m, with a barbecue, beer garden, DJ, and games.

## SMC in the News

- Politics Professor Suzi Weissman publishes in *Critique: Journal of Socialist Theory*.
- *Inside Higher Education* features commentary on 40th anniversary of black feminist "Combahee" statement by Ethnic Studies Professor Mel Michelle Lewis.

## This Week on Campus

### Events

- 11/13 - [Chat with a Study Abroad Peer Mentor](#)

- 11/13 - [Rosary Group](#)
- 11/14 - [CIP Open House: Meet the Staff](#)
- 11/14 - [Questions of Belief: Miguel de Unamuno](#)
- 11/14 & 11/16 - [INVEST: Sex & Sexuality for EveryBODY](#)
- 11/14 - [Sociology Open House](#)
- 11/14 - [LinkedIn Profile Workshop](#)
- 11/14 - [Where is the Love?](#)
- 11/15 - [Student Recital Series](#)
- 11/15 - [Across the Aisle](#)
- 11/15 - [Alumni Voices: OPT Experiences from the Field](#)
- 11/15 - [Eucharistic Adoration](#)
- 11/16 - [International Potluck Dinner](#)
- 11/16 & 11/17 - [Jazz Band Concert](#)
- 11/16 - 11/18 - [Counterparts Dance Concert](#)
- 11/17 - [Mini-Global Fair Trade Friday](#)
- 11/17 - [Pathways to Science Speaker Series: Andro Rios \(NASA\)](#)
- 11/17 - [MFA in Creative Writing: Christopher Sindt Book Release](#)
- 11/18 - [Holiday Boutique to Benefit a New Day for Children](#)
- 11/18 - [Virtual Watershed Explorer Curriculum Workshop](#)
- 11/18 & 19 - [Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra Performance](#)
- 11/19 - [Green Dot Bystander Intervention for Students](#)
- 11/19 - [Wind Symphony Concert](#)

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### **Religious Services**

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. [View the schedule.](#)

### **De La Salle Reflection**

- [For the week of Nov 13.](#)

## **Go Gaels**



## Gaels Open Season with Win Over Saint Francis

No. 22 Saint Mary's showcased its classic offensive efficiency on opening night as the Gaels powered past Saint Francis, 85-68, to open the new season in front of a large crowd at McKeon Pavilion Saturday evening.

[Learn how it happened.](#)

## Did You Know?

So long, Sinky! Join the town of Moraga as it celebrates the pending completion of the [Rheem Storm Drain Replacement Project](#) (aka filling the giant 20-month-old sinkhole) 11-12:30 p.m. on Thursday. This rain or shine community event will be held at Rheem Boulevard/Center Street, with public parking available behind the Rheem Theatre.

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News](#).

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